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National Security Decision Memorandum 105

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Attorney General

SUBJECT: Steps Towards Augmentation of Travel and Trade
Between the People's Republic of China and the
United States

The President has reviewed the recommendations forwarded by the Under Secretaries Committee on steps to increase personal and commercial contacts between the People's Republic of China and the United States, and has directed that the following moves be undertaken:

- Issuance of a public statement offering to expedite visas for groups of visitors from the People's Republic of China to the U.S.
- Relaxation of currency control to permit Chinese use of dollars.
- Ending restrictions on American oil companies providing bunkers except on Chinese owned or chartered carriers bound to or from North Vietnam, North Korea, or Cuba. This relaxation covers ships as well as planes, but would not affect our existing controls on entry to PRC carriers into U.S. ports.
- Granting permission to U.S. vessels to carry Chinese cargoes between non-Chinese ports, and for U.S.-owned foreign flag vessels to call at Chinese ports.
- Commencement of a relaxation of controls on direct trade between the U.S. and China by placing individual items under general license for direct export to the PRC after item-by-item interagency review to determine if they are of strategic significance. The Under Secretaries Committee is to be charged with the

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responsibility of determining which items should be placed on general license, and should forward a report within 30 days requesting approval of these determinations. Upon the commencement of these limited direct exports, direct imports from China of a similar and correlated nature will be allowed.

The President has also directed that the Under Secretaries Committee review and report to him after a period of four months the results of the steps taken. The report should include an assessment of the reactions to these steps by the PRC and the GRC. The President will then determine whether implementation of additional steps recommended by the Under Secretaries Committee may be warranted.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Secretary of the Treasury
Secretary of Commerce
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director, United States Information Agency

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